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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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DATE OF CONTENT 9 to 15 February 1953

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS Summary of report

was previously disseminated in [REDACTED] 25X1A

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1. Troop trains listed in railroad records on 9 and 10 February 1953 included:

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<u>Date in</u> <u>February</u>	<u>Composition of</u> <u>Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
9	6 empty boxcars and 13 empty flatcars	Schwerin	Forst Zinna
	10 boxcars and 19 flatcars	Rathenow	Satzkorn
10	10 boxcars and 32 flatcars	Brandenburg- Altstadt	undetermined
	19 boxcars and 37 flatcars	Rathenow	Crivitz
	4 boxcars and 12 flatcars	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
	10 boxcars and 13 flatcars	Satzkorn	Dallgow- Doeberitz

2. By order of the Soviet transportation control headquarters, the following cars were to be made available between 11 and 15 February:

<u>Date in</u> <u>February</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Cars</u>	<u>Receiving Station</u>
11	40 converted boxcars 40 boxcars, 100 flatcars and 10 RRYM-type flatcars	Forst Zinna
14	40 converted boxcars,	Neuruppin

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10 boxcars,
150 flatcars and
3 RRYM-type flatcars

15 30 converted boxcars, Altruppin
50 boxcars and
100 flatcars

3. Source learned that large-scale loadings of troops belonging to the Soviet occupation forces were conducted in the Schwerin and Halle railroad districts.⁶

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1. Comment. According to other observations, three troop trains carrying elements of the 18th How Arty Brig (US) of the 6th Arty Div were dispatched from Rathenow to an undetermined destination on 9 February 1953. See [redacted]. It is believed that the trains mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present report carried these troops to field exercises. This conclusion is supported by the fact that the Crivitz area is known as training area of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps.

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2. Comment. From 4 to 8 February 1953, an element of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) of the Third Shock Army, probably together with components of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, was conducting short-term field exercises in the area on either side of Stendal. The troop train from Brandenburg-Altstadt on 10 February 1953 probably carried additional elements of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) to participate in other field exercises in the area of the Third Shock Army.

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3. Comment. A troop train with tank units of the 6th Gds Tank Div went from Wittenberg to Forst Zinna on 2 and 5 February 1953 respectively. The troops possibly were to conduct firing practices at the Werder-Markendorf troop training grounds. See [redacted]. It is believed possible that the first contingents were to return from Werder-Markendorf to their home station on 11 February 1953.

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4. Comment. There is no explanation for the troop train from Satzborn to Dallgow-Doberitz. As the distance between the two railroad stations is rather short, an entraining of troops would not be justified.

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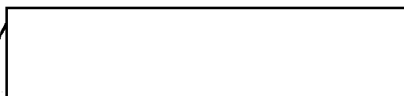
5. Comment. The assembling of 770 flatcars and 15 RRYM-type flatcars at Neuruppin prior to 12 February 1953 was reported by another source. If about 400 additional cars are made available, a total of about 24 troop trains could be composed which would be sufficient for the transportation of the combat elements of the 12th Gds Tank Div. The possible destination of these trains is still unknown. See [redacted].

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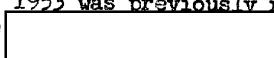
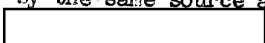
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6. Comment. The assembling of railroad cars in the Schwerin railroad district and at Halle prior to 9 February 1953 was previously reported by the same source and other sources. See

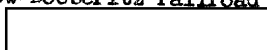


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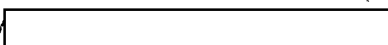
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7. Comment. Thr troop trains at Boetzow probably carried army units of the Second Gds Mecz Army, and the trains at Doeberitz components of the 1st Mecz Div. Another source stated that 200 empty cars were previously observed at the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station in the evening of 10 February 1953. See



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